

What is claimed is:

1. A garden hose storage apparatus comprising:

a) a hose receptacle including a cylindrical outer wall having a first diameter and a first lower edge, a cylindrical inner wall having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a second lower edge, said walls having a common longitudinal axis, and a bottom wall extending across the lower edges of said inner and outer walls to form an annular hose compartment between said walls and a storage compartment within said inner wall;

5 b) a mounting post having a lower section with a water inlet connector and an axially aligned upper section rotatably mounted on said lower section, said upper section including a water outlet connection; and

c) a hose guide mounted above said hose compartment, whereby the feeding of a hose inwardly through the guide causes rotation of said receptacle, coiling said hose into said annular hose compartment.

15 2. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein said receptacle has a base to support said hose receptacle in a generally vertical position when said base is on a level surface.

20 3. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 2, further including a wheeled receptacle support attached to said base, said support having a first position whereby said hose receptacle is in a generally vertical position when said base is on a horizontal surface and a transport position whereby said receptacle is tilted for wheeled transport from one location to another.

4. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein said wheeled receptacle support includes a handle.

5 5. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, further including a lid for covering said storage compartment within said inner wall.

6. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein said upper and lower post sections are coupled with a watertight rotatable coupling.

10

7. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein said hose guide has an end positioned above said annular hose compartment.

8. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein said inner wall storage compartment includes a divider wall adjacent to the upward extent of said mounting post for protecting said water outlet connection.

9. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 1, further including a spigot connection hose connected to said water inlet connection.

20

10. A garden hose storage apparatus comprising:
a) a hose receptacle including a cylindrical outer wall having a first diameter and a first lower edge, a cylindrical inner wall having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a second lower edge, said walls having a common longitudinal axis, and a

bottom wall extending across the lower edges of said inner and outer walls to form an annular hose compartment between said walls and a storage compartment within said inner wall;

b) a mounting post having a lower section with a water inlet connector and an axially aligned upper section rotatably mounted on said lower section, said upper section including a
5 water outlet connection; and

c) a wheeled receptacle support having a base, said support having a first position whereby said hose receptacle is in a generally vertical position when said base is on a horizontal surface and a transport position whereby said receptacle is tilted for wheeled transport from one location to another.

10

11. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 10, wherein a hose guide is mounted above said hose compartment, whereby the feeding of a hose inwardly through said hose guide causes rotation of said receptacle, coiling said hose into said annular hose compartment.

15

12. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 11, wherein said hose guide has an end positioned over the annular hose compartment.

13. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 10, wherein said wheeled receptacle
20 support includes a handle.

14. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 10, further including a lid for covering said storage compartment within said inner wall.

15. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 10, wherein said upper and lower post sections are coupled with a watertight rotatable coupling.

16. A garden hose storage apparatus comprising:

5 a) a hose receptacle including a cylindrical outer wall having a first diameter and a first lower edge, a cylindrical inner wall having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a second lower edge, said walls having a common longitudinal axis, and a bottom wall extending across the lower edges of said inner and outer walls to form an annular hose compartment between said walls and a storage compartment within said inner wall;

10 b) a mounting post having a lower section with a water inlet connector and an axially aligned upper section rotatably mounted on said lower section, said upper section including a water outlet connection;

15 c) a hose guide mounted above said hose compartment, whereby the feeding of a hose inwardly through the guide causes rotation of said receptacle coiling said hose into said annular hose compartment; and

20 d) a wheeled receptacle support having a base said support having a first position whereby said hose receptacle is in an upright position when said base is on a level surface and a transport position whereby said receptacle is tiltable for wheeled transport from one location to another.

17. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 16, wherein said hose guide has an end positioned over said annular hose compartment.

18. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 16, wherein said wheeled receptacle support includes a handle.

19. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 16, wherein said upper and lower post
5 sections are coupled with a watertight rotatable coupling.

20. The garden hose storage apparatus of claim 16, further including a lid for covering
said storage compartment within said inner wall.

10

15

11